



Sometimes it's easy to sweep the little things under the rug. Who has time to clean up the speck of dust when there's a pile of dirt to shovel away.

But, you know, that pile of dirt started with a speck of dust.

One of those specks of dust—that small job—is a lack of lubrication on commo shelter vent hinges, ventilating fans and door mechanisms.

TB 43-0124, Maintenance and Repair Procedures for Shelters, gives you a lot of leeway when it comes to lubing these areas and because of that, they're often forgotten or neglected. That is, until a hinge binds and then breaks or until a fan freezes. Then your shelter and the electronics inside are open to moisture, dust and dirt, and heat.

Regularly, and you know how often that is for the conditions in your area, you must lubricate door hinges, vent hinges, ventilating fans and door latches. Use lubricating oil, MIL-L-46167. NSN 9150-00-402-2372 brings a quart.

On hinges, fans and latches where corrosion has already gained a foothold, take 'em apart and clean them before you lube.

